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In error, and without deceptive intent, Patentee subsequently paid the 4<sup>th</sup> year maintenance fee at the small entity rate, an itemization of which appears below, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.28(2)(ii).

## Itemized Table of Deficient Payments

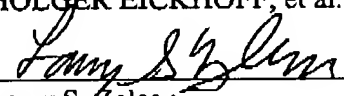
Type of Fee Paid As Small Entity	Date Paid	Amt. Paid	Current Large Entity Fee	Patentee Deficiency
4 Year Maintenance Fee	07/31/2009	\$490.00	\$1,130.00	\$640.00
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